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NY man, 25, dies after Union Sq. slash attack

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► Firefighters wash away blood on the sidewalk from where Michael Jones, 25, was stabbed to death on 14th Street at 4:30 a.m. yesterday.

► Police: Throat slashed, stabbed in torso and ear cut off on 14th Street, only steps from Fifth Avenue
► Suspect still at large in yesterday's early morning attack
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Man's throat slit on W. 14th St.

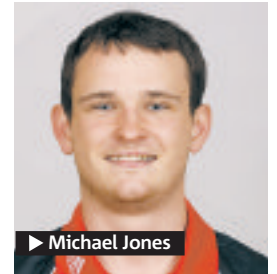
► Victim in town for a night out with sister ► Attacked steps away from Union Square Park ► Slasher cut off his ear ► Theft not likely a motive



► Firefighters wash away blood from the crime scene on West 14th Street yesterday.

MILES DIXON/METRO

The victim



► Michael Jones

Michael Jones was in the city on Saturday until about midnight, enjoying a night out with his sister.

- He worked as a soccer instructor in upstate Harrison, N.Y., with the Red Bulls Youth Training Program.
- The team released a statement yesterday, saying that Jones was "a tremendous individual, a fantastic coach who loved soccer and a terrific friend for many of us."

In the news

Infant's body found in Long Island yard

Police dug an infant boy's remains out of a Long Island backyard. Authorities said Saturday that they originally visited the Farmingdale, N.Y., home to check on an autistic 6-year-old boy parented by Robert Rodriguez and Heather Kowalczyk. But they ended up also inquiring about Justin Kowalczyk, born in 2009. Rodriguez has been named a person of interest in Justin's death. ● METRO/JG

In the news



Investigation begins of fatal Qns. shooting

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Friday that both his office and the NYPD's internal affairs division are investigating a fatal police shooting on the Grand Central Parkway. U.S. Army soldier Noel Polanco, 23, was shot in the stomach early Thursday after being pulled over near LaGuardia Airport.

A 25-year-old man was brutally slashed to death early yesterday on the sidewalk near Union Square. Michael Jones of West Harrison, N.Y., was stabbed in the neck and torso at 4:30 a.m. yesterday. The attack was so vicious his ear was even cut off and later found by police on the sidewalk.

The bloody slashing occurred in a highly frequented, busy part of town just off Union Square. The attack happened in front of a Guitar Center, a Levi's store and a health club on W. 14th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Jones was rushed to Bellevue Hospital, but was pronounced dead.

Police described the suspect

Quoted: Bank teller

"I saw a group of firefighters blasting the sidewalk with a big hose. I noticed that there was lots of redness floating in it. It took a minute, and then I thought, 'Oh my God, that's blood.'"

BOB EULER

Passersby thought it was a prank

People stumbling home from the many bars in the area on Saturday night walked past Jones' bloody, lifeless body crumpled on the sidewalk and at first thought it was an early Halloween prank.

"They all walked past it and thought it was a Halloween figure or something," one wit-

ness told CBS News. "We thought it was a Halloween joke or something because his phone was there, so maybe if we tried to get his phone that he'll pop up or something."

"It was a frenzy. The guy was chopped multiple times," an anonymous police officer confided in the New York Post. "He cut the guy's ear off. It doesn't get any more personal than that." ● METRO/CB

as a Hispanic man, 25 to 30 years old, with a dark ponytail. No arrests had been made as of yesterday evening. A robbery motive was unlikely because

the victim's blood-covered iPhone was found nearby.

Blood from the attack could still be seen on the sidewalk yesterday. Passersby walking to

work or out for the afternoon were shocked by the crime. "It was definitely a surprise when I came in around 9:45," said Ricky, an employee at the Guitar Center. "There was lots of blood."

"I saw a group of firefighters blasting the sidewalk with a big hose," said Bob Euler, a bank teller walking down 14th Street on his way to work. "I noticed that there was lots of redness floating in it. It took a minute, and then I thought, 'Oh my God, that's blood.'"

— Additional reporting by Miles Dixon

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News in brief

New York-area colleges wildly expensive to attend

NEW YORK. The New York City metro area has three of the four most expensive colleges in the country and a number of others that crack the Top 25, according to the college news website Campus Grotto.

Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., topped the list, with tuition, room and board, and required fees reaching

\$61,236

Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., for the 2012-13 school year, including tuition, room and board and required fees

\$59,837

NYU for 2012-13 school year

\$61,236 for the 2012-13 school year.

NYU was second (\$59,837) and Columbia University was fourth (\$58,742.) Other New York

\$59,732

Columbia University for 2012-13

\$57,000

Bard College, The New School, Barnard College, Fordham University and Vassar College all clocked in at costing more than \$57,000 for 2012-13.

colleges costing more than \$57,000 a year include Bard College, The New School, Barnard College, Fordham University and Vassar College. ● METRO/JG

NJ's Formula 1 race set for June 2013

WEEHAWKEN. The Formula One race set for Weehawken, N.J., in June will take place as scheduled — and all outstanding contract obligations, including safety and facility reviews, will be met, said event promoter Leo Hindery.

The Paris-based International Automobile Federation, F-1's governing body which goes by the French acronym FIA, released its schedule for the 2013 season last week and affixed an asterisk to the June 16 event, saying it was subject to confirmation.

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Hindery, managing partner at InterMedia Partners LP, said the outstanding issues are primarily safety reviews and the inspection of pits, media centers and hospitality buildings that are currently under construction.

"We will be racing," he said in an interview. **BLOOMBERG**

Ads now appear on MetroCard front

► It's a coveted commercial space long sought by advertisers ► Gap ads the first to appear on new cards

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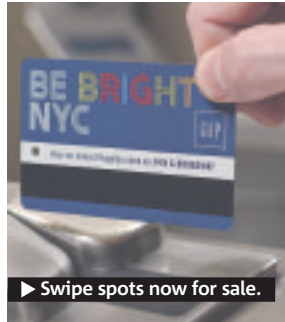
That's because it probably is. Yesterday, the MTA unveiled a new set of MetroCards that display ads on the front and back of the card.

Ads have appeared on the ubiquitous MetroCard since 1995, but until yesterday they were relegated to the back of the signature yellow subway pass. Now, advertisements will appear on the front of the card, as well.

It was a decision the MTA made and announced in July — all in the name of raising more revenue for the cash-starved transit agency.

"Opening up the front of MetroCards to advertising gives the MTA a new source of revenue," said MTA Chairman Joe Lhota. "There is no reason why the MTA shouldn't put every resource it can toward helping its fragile finances."

Ads on the back of 50,000 MetroCards cost \$25,500 and



can run as high as \$450,000 for 2.5 million cards, according to The New York Times. Rates are higher for ad space on the front.

Gap clothing company was the first to purchase the lucrative front-facing space.

Ads from the Gap on the front of the cards read "Be Bright NYC" with multicolored letters on a navy blue background. It encourages New Yorkers to visit Gap's newly remodeled flagship store at 34th

Street and Broadway starting Oct. 10. In addition, customers who present the new MetroCard at any Gap store are entitled to a 20 percent discount through Nov. 18.

Subway station agents and MetroCard vending machines began selling the new MetroCards yesterday.

Approximately 10 percent of the MetroCards sold throughout the system in a typical month will carry the Gap ad.

The Gap MetroCards will be sold at main stations such as Union Square, Herald Square, Penn Station, Grand Central, Columbus Circle and Times Square, all chosen based on their high ridership.

The MTA anticipates that the next full-face advertising campaigns will appear on MetroCards in December and January.



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Annual Blessing of the Animals

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US court fight starts for radical cleric sent to NYC from UK

One-eyed radical Islamist cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri made his first appearance in federal court in New York on Saturday after Britain extradited him to the United States to face trial and a potential life sentence on terrorism charges.

The Egyptian-born Hamza, 54, entered U.S. District Court in Manhattan after being refused the prosthetics — including his signature metal hook — that he wears because of his missing forearms.

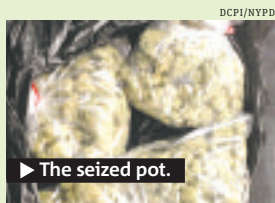
Hamza is accused by Washington of supporting al-Qaeda, aiding a kidnapping in Yemen and plotting to open a training camp for militants in the United States. He was flown late on Friday to the United States along with four other men also wanted on U.S. terrorism charges. He will not be asked to enter a plea until he returns to court tomorrow. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Cop injured during drug suspect chase

HAMILTON HEIGHTS. A police officer injured his knee while chasing a drug suspect over the weekend in Hamilton Heights.

On Friday, just after 9 p.m., police officers at West 142 Street



► The seized pot.

and Broadway noticed a car double-parked in front of a fire hydrant. A male passenger was inside, but there was no driver.

As police officers Frank Monge and Fabrizio Randazzo approached the car, they observed a man walking toward them carrying a black bag. The police called out to him as he started to enter the vehicle, and he fled. The man sitting in the passenger seat also ran.

The cops both gave chase. One of the suspects, Kareem Reid, 37, of the Bronx, was subdued right away and placed in

handcuffs.

Officer Monge continued to chase the other suspect, but he tripped and fell in a pothole. He sent out a description via police radio, and William Coleman, 21, was arrested a short while later at West 135 Street without incident. Coleman was found to be holding four ounces of marijuana, police said. Monge was treated for a fractured knee and torn ACL. ● METRO/CB

Man killed after fight at barber shop on LES

An argument that broke out inside a Lower East Side barber shop on Saturday night left one man dead.

The dispute happened inside Jose Beauty Salon and Barber Shop at 110 Forsyth Street, near the intersection of Broome Street and directly across the street from the popular Sara D. Roosevelt public park.

The brawl spilled out onto the sidewalk, where a 32-year-old Hispanic man was fatally shot.

Police responded to a 911 call of a man assaulted at the shop at about 9:30 p.m. Saturday. When cops arrived, witnesses told them that the victim had been shot in front of the building.

His was rushed to Bellevue Hospital before police arrived, but he was pronounced dead

"I heard both shots. It happened real quick. Everybody from the little crowd ran in every direction."

A WITNESS, TO THE NY POST

on arrival, killed by a single gunshot wound to the chest.

"I heard both shots. It happened real quick," one witness told the New York Post. "Everybody from the little crowd ran in every direction."

Police have not made any arrests in the murder, but an investigation is ongoing. The name of the victim was not released yesterday.



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Park rape occurs in Tompkins Square

► Homeless man allegedly assaulted woman sleeping on bench ► She fought him off and ran into deli ► Four other park rapes in September

Police have arrested a homeless man who on Friday night allegedly committed the fifth rape in the city's parks in just over a month.

Police said Ruben Canales, 27, raped a woman at around 9:45 p.m. Friday in the East Village's Tompkins Square Park.

The NYPD did not offer any details of the crime. But according to sources for the watchdog group NYC Park Advocates, the 31-year-old victim had fallen asleep on a bench — only to wake up with Canales on top of her.

The victim then purportedly fought him off and ran into a nearby deli.

When Canales followed her inside, workers at the deli called the police.

Canales had recently been arrested for marijuana sales, criminal mischief and criminal possession of stolen property, NYC Park Advocates reported.



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Quoted: NYC Park Advocates president

“The public should not be expected to fend off murderers and rapists.”

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A fall string of park sex crimes

This is the fifth rape reported in the city's parks since Sept. 3. Here is a list of the others:

- On Sept. 3 at 2:15 a.m., a 19-year-old woman was raped behind a playground in Riverside Park on the Upper West Side.
- At 2 a.m. on Sept. 10, a 56-year-old woman was raped and thrown from the second story of Pier 15 on the East River waterfront.
- On Sept. 12, a 73-year-old woman was raped in midday in Strawberry Fields in Central Park.
- On Sept. 22, at around 5 a.m., a 21-year-old woman was raped in Hudson River Park.



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In the news

Meningitis death toll still climbing

U.S. health officials yesterday reported an additional 27 cases in a fungal meningitis outbreak linked to steroid injections that has killed seven people and now affected 91 in nine states. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a new total of 91 cases in an update on its website, up from 64 on Saturday. Most of the new cases were reported in Michigan, where the total increased to 20 from five. Virginia's total increased to 18 from 11. The company shipped 17,676 vials of the steroid methylprednisolone acetate to 76 facilities in 23 states. **REUTERS**

91 Total number of people affected in nine U.S. states

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Hostile Greeks await Merkel's first crisis visit

German Chancellor Angela Merkel will tell Greeks she wants to keep their country in the euro when she visits Athens this week, but she faces a hostile reception from a people worn down by years of austerity and recession.

Many Greeks blame Merkel, who has publicly chastised them for the past three years, for the nation's plight. Opponents, some of whom have caricatured her as a bullying Nazi, have promised protests tomorrow during her first visit to Greece since the eurozone crisis erupted there in 2009.

"She does not come to support Greece, which her policies have brought to the brink. She comes to save the corrupt, disgraced and servile political system," said Alexis Tsipras, who leads the opposition Syriza alliance. "We will give her the welcome she deserves."

6,000

Police officers who will be deployed in the capital for Merkel's visit

"We don't want her here."

YANNIS GEORGIU

About 6,000 policemen will be deployed in the capital for her six-hour visit, turning the city center into a no-go zone for protest marches planned by labor unions and opposition parties.

"We don't want her here," said Yannis Georgiou, 72, who has seen his pension cut by one-third. "We will take to the streets against austerity and against the government. Maybe

Solidarity

► The trip is a sign of German solidarity, a message to Greek leadership and people that Berlin does not want to cut them loose, and a signal to the members of Merkel's coalition who want Greece out that it's not going to happen soon.

Merkel will hear something and see what we're going through."

Merkel's visit is a sign of Germany's support for the coalition government of Prime Minister Antonis Samaras as it struggles to agree to new budget cuts with international lenders, overcome the objections of reluctant coalition partners and cope with rising public anger. **REUTERS**



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► Merkel

In the news

British PM Cameron warns brace for more budget cuts

ENGLAND. Britain will have to keep cutting public spending to reduce the budget deficit, Prime Minister David Cameron said yesterday, underlining

the government's task of pulling the country out of recession while winning back public support.

Cameron cited the eurozone crisis in explaining the problems facing the British economy, comments which are likely to please the influential euroskeptic wing of his Conservatives as they gather for the party's annual conference. **REUTERS**

Chavez's socialist rule at risk as Venezuelans vote

CARACAS. Hugo Chavez loyalists blew bugles in a wake-up call for voters yesterday as the Venezuelan leader faced the biggest electoral challenge yet to his socialist rule from a young rival tapping into discontent over crime and cronyism.

Henrique Capriles, a centrist state governor, edged toward the still-popular Chavez in final polls thanks to a vigorous campaign that united the opposition and made him



its best chance of ending the president's 14-year tenure.

Chavez has used record oil revenue to support ideological allies around the world while preaching a fiercely anti-American line, so the election is being watched eagerly from the United States to Belarus and Iran.

Lines formed at some polling centers long before they opened, and despite a few delays voting was going smoothly. **REUTERS**

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In the news

Facebook said to plan halving \$3B credit line

Facebook Inc. plans to reduce by half a \$3 billion credit line due to a decline in its tax liability, a person familiar with the matter said Friday.

The company also plans to extend the term of the loan to three years from one year, said the person, who asked not to be named because the matter is private.

Facebook said that it secured a \$3 billion 364-day bridge loan to fund taxes for employees who exercise their restricted stock units. It also lined up a \$5 billion five-year revolving line of credit ahead of its initial public offering, according to a filing. Tax obligations are now lower than expected because the value of shares is down. **BLOOMBERG**

Wall Street week ahead: big-name profit warnings may mean pullback

Wall Street may be bracing for a pullback as earnings season begins next week — if the clouds of profit warnings from bellwethers ranging from FedEx to Hewlett-Packard lead to a downpour of lower profits — or even losses.

Thanks to aggressive stimulus plans from central banks around the world, the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 5.8 percent over the third quarter. That sharp rally occurred even as companies were struggling. Earnings for that period are forecast to fall 2.4 percent from the year-ago quarter. If that happens, this

5.8%

Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 5.8 percent over the third quarter.

9.5%

Fourth-quarter estimates for S&P 500 companies percent gain in profit

would be the first earnings decline in three years, according to Thomson Reuters data.

Market strategists and investors say U.S. stock valuations are broadly out of sync with earnings estimates. They forecast a pullback in stocks in the coming weeks as more companies report results and reduce expectations for the

fourth quarter and beyond.

Fourth-quarter estimates for S&P 500 companies show a 9.5 percent gain in profit from a year ago, according to Thomson Reuters data. Analysts say that outlook is too high, given what investors are already hearing from the corporate world. **REUTERS**

Technology. Labor



► A dispute occurred between the production and quality teams at the factory, the company said.

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Labor disputes disrupt iPhone

Foxconn Technology Group, the assembler of Apple Inc., iPhones, had to stop production for the second time in as many weeks after factory-line workers at one of its plants protested against increased pressure. Foxconn employs more than 1 million workers in China and has suffered in the past three years from suicides, riots and strikes. **REUTERS**

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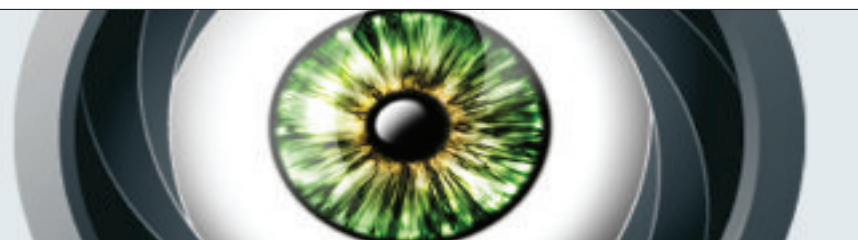
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IRONIC EINSTEIN

Fact: Time passes faster on the moon than on Earth. For every minute you experience, slightly more than a minute goes by on the moon. The difference is not due to some weird time-zone technicality, but because the flow of time itself is not the same in both places. Time does not pass at the same rate everywhere; it changes. This was officially proven in 1920 when Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity was experimentally verified for the first time.

Today, when scientists launch a satellite into orbit, they compensate for time flowing faster in space than on Earth. This is achieved by setting the satellite clock to tick more slowly. During the launch, from the ground view, the clock on the satellite gradually ticks faster as the rocket ascends. Upon reaching orbit, time has sped up enough for the once-slow clock to synchronize with those on Earth.

Changes in the flow of time during daily life are too insignificant to notice. Einstein's genius was in his ability to discover hidden secrets of the universe while daydreaming during train

commutes and work. His structured imagination partially unraveled what has always been true. In this way scientists are like archeologists by uncovering what already lies beneath the surface.

Einstein is ironically known for complex math in his theories, while the main conclusions can be stated in a sentence. For example, time does not pass at the same rate everywhere; it's flexible.

Amazingly, the thought process Einstein used to see how time changes can be summarized visually in 15 minutes using no math. He thought in pictures. For this reason you can watch and experience revelations that passed through one of the most brilliant minds in history a century ago.

His daydream connects gravity and motion in less time than it takes to watch an episode of "SpongeBob SquarePants." You don't need to be a physicist to understand. Einstein once said, "The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible."

To see how time is not what it seems, watch "Einstein's Discovery: a chalkimation animation" on YouTube.

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In the news

Nobel Prize favorites include 'spooky' science

STOCKHOLM. A Japanese author who writes of love and isolation, researchers into "spooky" quantum physics and experts on economic inequality have all been

tapped as possible Nobel Prize winners.

Medicine, physics and chemistry laureates will receive their Nobels first in Stockholm next week, followed later by economics. But for many outside the world of science, the literature and peace prizes are the most widely discussed at the dinner table. **REUTERS**

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The man who would be prom king

Mitt Romney's strong debate performance did little to convince more voters he understands them or is a "good person." Most voters still say President Barack Obama is more likeable than the former Massachusetts governor. **REUTERS**



29%
SAY ROMNEY IS MORE LIKEABLE

Obama touts large donations, Romney doubts jobs numbers

Republican nominee Mitt Romney worked to undercut a better-than-expected jobs report and President Barack Obama touted his largest monthly fundraising haul as the candidates grappled for advantage in a tight presidential race.

Romney, seeking to question evidence of a U.S. economic recovery, told voters the true unemployment picture is much worse than the 7.8-percent jobless rate reported on Oct. 5, the lowest since Obama took office.

For the second consecutive day, Romney downplayed the unemployment report and said the drop in the jobless rate obscured a bleak economic reality that only appears to be improving because people are abandoning their search for work.

Still, the Labor Department reported that the portion of the population either employed or actively applying for jobs, which in August reached its lowest level since 1981, rose last month. **BLOOMBERG**



Obama raises \$181M

Obama's campaign, working to recover from his lackluster performance against Romney at the first presidential debate on Oct. 3 in Denver, said the president and allied Democratic Party committees raised \$181 million in September, the largest monthly total in his re-election effort. The campaign announced the number yesterday on Twitter. **BLOOMBERG**

1.8M The number of people who donated to Obama last month

567K The number of first-time donors

3.9M Total donors

Quoted: Romney

"If we calculated ... our employment rate in a way that was consistent with the way it was calculated when he came into office, it would be a different number."

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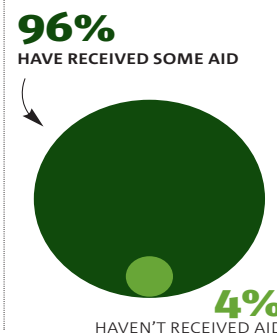
Figure Romney gives as the true unemployment rate, based on "the percentage of the American population who were in the workforce ... the day he was elected." He appeared to refer to the workforce participation rate, which was 63.6 percent last month, and which was 65.7 percent in January 2009.

A nation of dependents

When Mitt Romney said that 47 percent of Americans depend on the federal government for assistance, he was understating his case.

It's closer to 100 percent. Ninety-six percent of Americans have benefited from government help at some time, including from breaks in the tax code.

The remaining 4 percent? Most are young adults who don't qualify for the bulk of government programs. **BLOOMBERG**



Opinion

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OBAMA GOES ON POST-DEBATE OFFENSIVE

Both sides are still waiting to see the poll numbers that would show just how much of an impact last week's presidential debate had on the race, but President Barack Obama wasted no time springing back from his listless performance to launch a new round of attacks on Republican Mitt Romney.

Obama hit the campaign trail almost as soon as he left the debate stage at the University of Denver, with aides pledging to make adjustments. Within 48 hours, the president was on the rebound.

Obama made an appearance in Colorado, then jetted off to Wisconsin, Virginia and Ohio — all crucial battleground states. Bolstered by the news that unemployment just dipped below 8 percent, he sprinted onto makeshift stages in front of cheering crowds and displayed a level of enthusiasm Democrats wished he'd shown against Romney. He took what he calls a shellacking in the debate, but Obama wasn't going to spend another minute being defensive.

"My guess is they will never again take their foot off the accelerator," Democratic strategist Chris Lehane told The Washington Examiner. "This is a campaign where Obama has gotten where he has gotten by constantly being on the offensive."

Central to the president's comeback is his charge that Romney's acclaimed performance may have been elegant but was peppered with lies about what he really wants to do as president.

"My opponent has been trying to do a two-step and reposition, and got an extreme makeover," Obama said at George Mason University in Fairfax, eliciting laughter from the crowd.

At a rally of 12,000 in Denver, he called his debate opponent "the guy playing Mitt Romney" and said Romney misrepresented his real agenda "because he knows full well that we don't want what he's been selling for the last year."

Republicans grudgingly acknowledged that Obama's strategy to blunt Romney's post-debate momentum could work.

"It was really a brilliant move," said Hogan Gidley, a Republican strategist and former top aide to

Quoted

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Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum, a one-time Romney opponent. "It discounts Romney's performance, but it also subtly gives an excuse for Obama's own performance."

Political experts analyzing Obama's latest stump speeches noted that the president is blasting Romney on issues like Medicare and taxes, which target voters in must-win swing states like Ohio and Florida.

"It now looks like the gloves are coming off," University of Florida political science professor Daniel Smith told The Examiner. "The president seems willing to hit his challenger with material gleaned from his negative ads, which have been softening Gov. Romney for months in key battleground states."

Obama advisers say they aren't worried about the debate because Romney still lags behind in the swing states, though a Rasmussen poll out Friday showed the gap suddenly closing in Ohio, a must-win state for Romney.

Obama, meanwhile, is picking material straight from the debate transcript to ridicule Romney, including Romney's assertion that he would cut federal funding for public broadcasting if elected president.

"For all you moms and kids out there, don't worry," Obama told the Fairfax audience. "Somebody is finally getting tough on Big Bird."

While the quips were a hit, Gidley said, they reached an audience much smaller than the one watching his lackluster debate performance.

"The problem for Obama," he said, "is 65 million people saw his debate performance."

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A college professor's notes on how to sing

Could your singing make the "X Factor" audition fail reel? When it's time to sing "Happy Birthday," do you stand in the back of the group and mouth the words? The problem probably isn't that you can't sing — it's just that you've never learned how.

That's what Joanne Rutkowski, a professor of music education at Pennsylvania State University, thinks, anyway. "A few people can't sing in tune — that's because they don't listen," she says. "For most people, though, the issue is how they're using their voice."

Humans actually have two different modes for voice use. "It's like a manual transmission," Rutkowski says. "You could get up to 30 [mph] in first gear, but it's not good for the engine. Learning to sing is

"Successful music education would be if every high school graduate could sing 'Happy Birthday' to his or her children."

JOANNE RUTKOWSKI

Places to practice

Rutkowski suggests these resources:

- ▶ Church choir
- ▶ Community music school
- ▶ A university department of music education
- ▶ Your child's elementary- or middle-school music teacher
- ▶ "And just sing in the shower!" she says. "Explore your voice, relax and have fun with it."

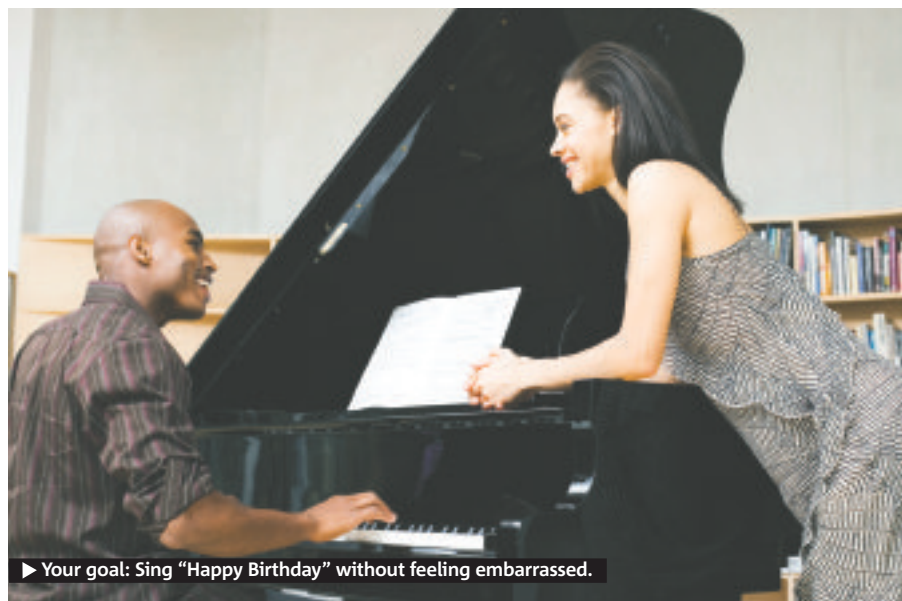
about finding your voice's different gears and learning how to shift smoothly."

She teaches a half-credit class for future music teachers. Each student picks a non-singing friend or relative and, over the course of the semester, teaches him or her to sing. "They record them singing 'Happy Birthday' at the beginning of the semester and then again at the end," she says. "The difference is always amazing." And the guinea pigs, of course, are all delighted with their new skills.

"Successful music education would be if every high school graduate could sing 'Happy Birthday' to his or her children," Rutkowski says. "But it's never too late to learn."

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▶ If you can't sing, it's probably because no one ever taught you
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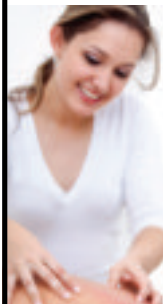
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No easy answers in the scholarship funding debate

► New study on a popular lottery-funded scholarship program suggests it may actually widen the class gap

In 1993, Georgia enacted the HOPE Scholarship to provide merit-based scholarships, through lottery proceeds, to in-state students so that they can attend any of Georgia's state universities. It has been an enormously popular program — but it's not without critics.

Some researchers have made a case that such a large, strictly merit-based scholarship actually widens the gap in class and racial disparity. And, since HOPE is funded through the lottery, poor people wind up paying a disproportionate chunk of the cost. More than half of HOPE recipients lose

"The people who are least likely to lose their scholarships, typically, are the ones that can afford to pay for college."

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their funding in the second year because of a failure to meet the merit requirements.

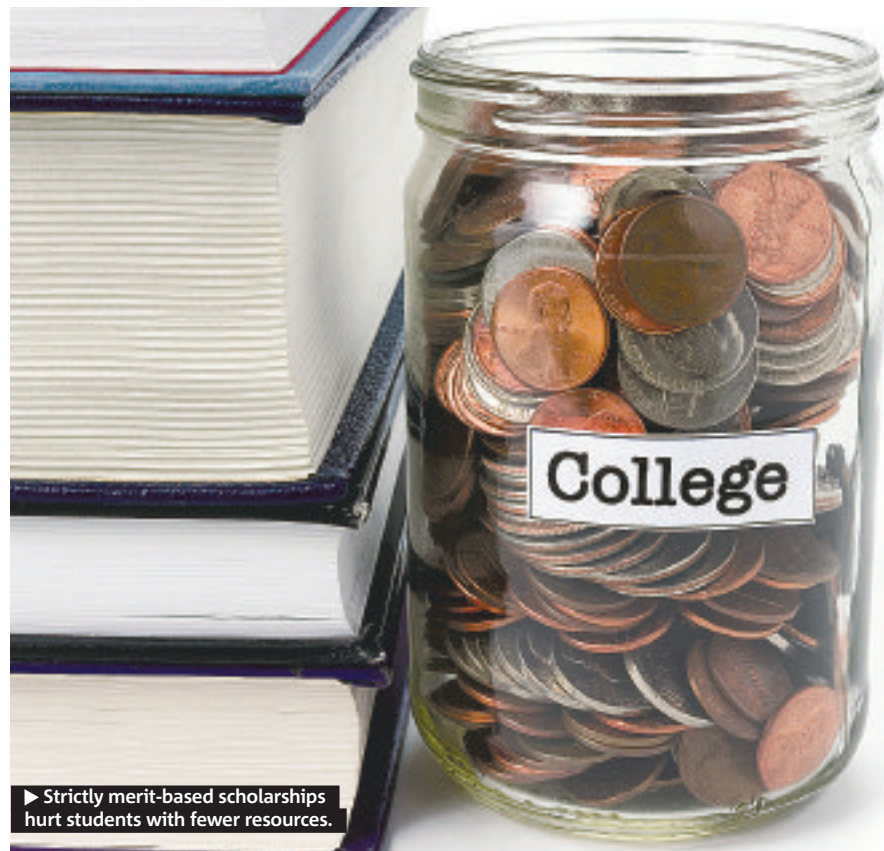
In 2003, Tennessee enacted its own version of HOPE (albeit with far fewer resources). A recent study by University of Missouri researcher Charles E. Menifield found that poor stu-

dents are far more likely to lose their HOPE scholarships in Tennessee. Moreover, poor African-American men are at the greatest risk of losing funding.

"The people who are least likely to lose their scholarships, typically, are the ones that can afford to pay for college," says Menifield.

The study is of pivotal importance because of diminishing resources in state coffers and suggestions by some that the merit bar be raised for scholarships.

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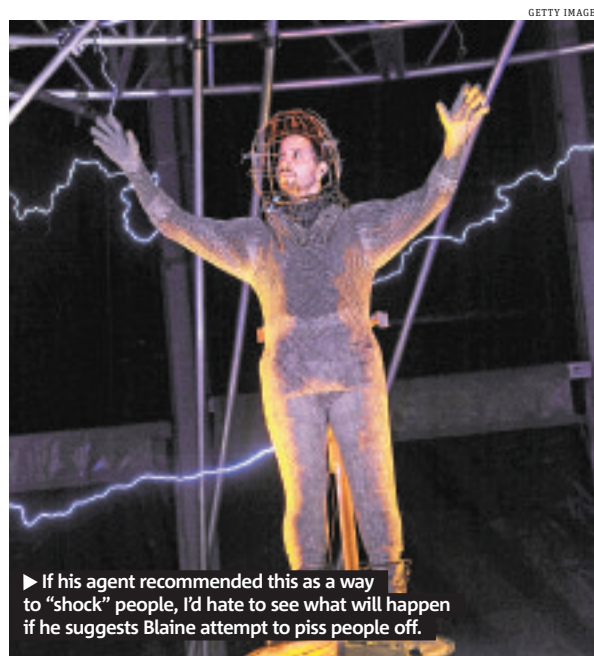
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David Blaine did not die this weekend

As of press time, magician and "endurance artist" **David Blaine** did not die over the weekend as part of his latest stunt, "Electrified: One Million Volts Always On." For "Electrified," Blaine stood on a 20-foot-high platform on Pier 54 in Manhattan for 72 hours straight while 1 million volts of energy zapped around him from Tesla coils. "Electrified" was interactive; people could control the coils from viewing stations in London, Beijing, Tokyo and Sydney. But, here's the thing: Blaine was never in true danger. He donned a 27-pound chainmail Faraday bodysuit and helmet which conducted the currents away from him, not through him. The magician's doctor, **Stuart Weiss**, admitted to *Wired* that the main issue for Blaine would be avoiding inhaling nitrous oxides emitted by the electricity.

Am I the only one who thinks this is the multimillion dollar version of a magician pretending to take your nose? I will say that I like his outfit — he looks like a chubby 11-year-old whose Halloween costume is a knight from outer space.

Kutcher and Kunis: It's serious



► If his agent recommended this as a way to "shock" people, I'd hate to see what will happen if he suggests Blaine attempt to piss people off.

It may be less than a year since **Ashton Kutcher** split from **Demi Moore**, but apparently he's ready to tie the knot again — with girlfriend and *Esquire*'s latest Sexiest Woman Alive, **Mila Kunis**. An engagement announcement is expected by Christmas, according to *Heat* magazine. "Ashton and Mila are talking marriage. He's planning to propose at Christmas," a

source says. Marriage so soon? Doubtful. But it looks like the lovebirds are at least worshipping together. *Us Weekly* reports that the two attended Rosh Hashanah holiday services at the Kabbalah Center in NYC on Sept. 18. "The men and women are separated [during the service], but Ashton always smiled at her," an eyewitness tells *Us Weekly*.

Mommy. Mariah



► Carey and daughter Monroe Cannon on Saturday.

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Moving on from Minaj to mom

Mariah Carey took a break from the "American Idol" drama (she's currently feuding with co-host **Nicki Minaj**) and attended a "Family Day" hosted by her husband **Nick Cannon** at Santa Monica Pier on Saturday in Santa Monica, Calif.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Bette Midler
Today, Bette Midler has work to do, Garry Shandling has a good thing going for himself, Katy Perry is excited about October and Alec Baldwin is preparing for the end of "30 Rock."

Bette Midler
Fall is the best time to plant trees (seriously, google it).

Garry Shandling
I don't pray, but I worry. And, I've gotten miraculous, results.

Katy Perry
Here comes Halloween! Here comes Halloween!

Alec Baldwin
I am looking forward to some time off. A lot of time off. What would you do if you had more free time?



Talking points

Kidman: Still wounded from divorce

It may have been more than a decade since **Nicole Kidman** split from **Tom Cruise**, but to hear the actress tell it, there are some wounds that still haven't healed. "I got married really fast and really young," Kidman tells



► Kidman

Australia's *Who* magazine. "Then, when it didn't work out, I had to really dig deep and find my way through depression. I have no regrets about all of it. It was all part of growing up." And that growing up eventually led her to husband **Keith Urban**, with whom she has two children. "There was a long time when I never thought it would happen for me again — and it happened," she says. "I never ever take Keith or our love for granted, and I always keep in my mind that my dream is to

grow very old with him."

Bynes is back (kinda)

After months of trouble behind the wheel, run-ins with the law and reports of meltdowns and potential rehab stays, **Amanda Bynes** has finally broken her silence — sort of. After keeping off of her Twitter account for months, Bynes was back late last week to tweet a simple ";) — a smiley-face emoticon. The tweet prompted several responses from followers expressing con-

cern over her condition.

Biel: 'I'm cool' about wedding planning

Jessica Biel's nuptials with **Justin Timberlake** may be right around the corner, but she isn't stressed. "I'm just pretty much cool as a cucumber in general in my life. So no, I'm cool," she tells *Us Weekly*. "I'm one of those people who is not very detail-oriented. I'm sort of the ... big idea person. So I'll probably give an idea and then let it be created."



This weekend, rock 'n' roll happened

1 **Elvis Costello** performed as part of the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival on Friday in San Francisco.

2 **Florence Welch** of Florence & the Machine headlined the Shoreline Amphitheatre on Friday in Mountain View, Calif.



3 **Morrissey** kicked off his tour on Friday in Boston. Though he had a lot to say in the pages of Metro last week, he engaged in very little between-song banter. (He did admit that his interest in our election "is sub minus zero.") The animal slaughter montage during the Smiths' song "Meat is Murder" certainly said a lot though.

4 **Dave Rude** of Tesla rocked Seminole Casino Coconut Creek on Thursday in Florida.



5 **Sharin Foo** of the Raveonettes performed at Webster Hall on Friday in New York City.

6 **Cheryl Cole** opened her "A Million Lights" tour at The Odyssey Arena on Wednesday in Belfast, Northern Ireland.



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DRAMA. The history of the Titanic — everything that happened before that nasty iceberg business — is documented in this 12-part miniseries focusing on the building of the doomed ship. Chris Noth plays the "unsinkable" liner's financier J.P. Morgan. Miniseries premiere, 8 p.m., Encore

'90210'

DRAMA. Carly Rae Jepsen guest stars. If she doesn't ask one of the guys to call her, maybe, we will be severely disappointed. Season premiere, 8 p.m., The CW

'Taken' with Janssen

► **Actress Famke Janssen returns to the Luc Besson franchise**

She's been a Bond villain, X-Men's Jean Grey, an alluring transsexual on "Nip/Tuck" and soon, an evil witch in "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters." But right now, Dutch actress, model, writer and director Famke Janssen is focused on the reprisal of her role as Lenore, the long-suffering ex-wife of retired CIA operative Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson). While she and her daughter (played by Maggie Grace) survived the first round of Eastern European thugs in Luc Besson's "Taken," the family of three faces a challenge of a different kind when vacationing in Istanbul in the film's sequel. Janssen spoke to Metro about the new film and how she broke a rib in the name of a convincing action sequence.

You've remarked that the chaos of Istanbul enhanced your performance while filming "Taken 2" there. Tell us more about what happened on set.

It's an absolutely breathtakingly beautiful place — very old, but it also has one of the fastest growing economies, so it's just outgrowing its own size. As a result, there's more cars than the city knows what to do with, more people, more mopeds, more wild dogs, more motorcycles. The mosques have loudspeakers on them, and they are competing with one another in terms of [broadcasting] the prayers that happen at numerous times during the day. It was a pretty chaotic experience. But that really worked in my favor for the things that we were filming. **You have quite a physically demanding role in "Taken 2." Did you have to hang upside down, as your character does at one point in the film?** Thankfully I did not have to be hung upside down. They had a double for me to do that, which was great. I was just being dragged around a bunch. It was more that I had a bunch of



► **The calm before the storm:** Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson) and his ex-wife Lenore (Famke Janssen) enjoy touring Istanbul before someone from their past reappears.

stunt guys on either side who would drag me through hallways or dirty alleys or whatever. And of course [there was] the whole sequence with the scissors and knife or whatever on my face — moments like that, there's just very little acting required. It's just using what's there.

Considering you've done a fair share of action films, including the 1995 Bond film "GoldenEye," what's one of the

worst injuries that you've sustained while on set?

I've actually broken a rib twice. I broke my rib on "GoldenEye" and I broke a rib on "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters" — the movie that comes out in January with Jeremy Renner. So I've experienced some injuries. On "Hansel and Gretel," on top of everything, I had prosthetic makeup and I couldn't see because I had contacts that covered my whole

A fairy tale

comes of age

Can you tell us more about your character in "Hansel and Gretel"?

► "Hansel and Gretel" is the story of Hansel and Gretel the fairy tale — but when they're grownups and want to go and hunt the witches that have tormented them in the past. So I'm the main witch in that story. We shot it in Berlin, and it's coming out in January. Jeremy Renner and Gemma Aterton are Hansel and Gretel. It's very interesting because it's a different spin on the fairy tale in a way that nobody's done it yet.

eyes, so these things are always a little challenging.

What do you think would happen in a third "Taken" film? Maybe they could do what I already suggested for "Taken 2," which was that Liam was going to be taken and Maggie and I would come and save him. Nobody liked that idea, apparently.

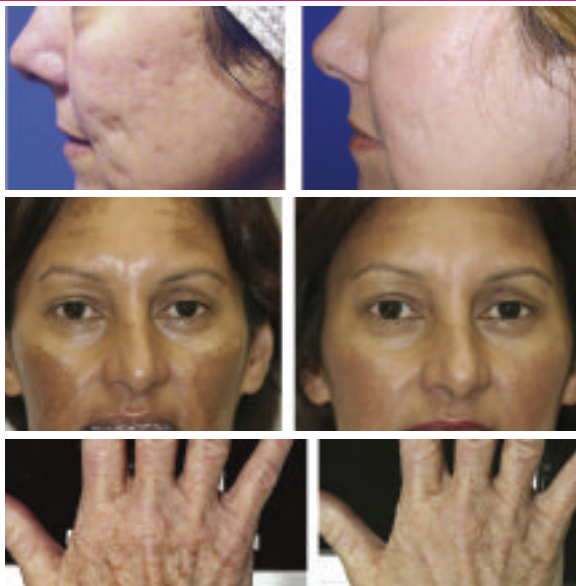


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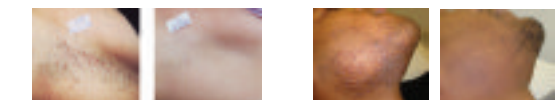
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► While promoting 'The Oranges,' her new film about life in the suburbs, Alia Shawkat discusses what it's been like on the set of her resurrected sitcom, 'Arrested Development,' in which she returns as Maeby Funke

The sarcastic, know-it-all daughter is the kind of character 23-year-old Alia Shawkat feels comfortable playing, after having spent years in the skin of such a girl on Fox's acclaimed and subsequently canceled sitcom, "Arrested Development." Since the show has resumed production for Netflix six years after it went off-air, rabid fans are dying for clues about the new season. Until they air, audiences can tide themselves over with Shawkat's turn in the sophisticated ensemble comedy, "The Oranges." In the film, Shawkat stars as a promising young designer, Vanessa, who is living at home years after college graduation, getting caught up in the maelstrom of drama that occurs when her father (Hugh Laurie) falls for their neighbor (Leighton Meester), who just so happens to be Vanessa's age.



► Alia Shawkat plays the disenchanted Vanessa Walling in "The Oranges," which is in theaters now.

Your character in "The Oranges" seems stuck, dare we say, in a state of arrested development. Why do you think that is?

I think that stage after college is an awkward stage for a lot of people. You don't know what you're going to do. Your parents have enough money to be like, "You can stay here," and your parents don't kick you out. You almost wish your parents kicked you out so that you could get a bad job and figure out what the f— you're doing. ... I think she has a very regular life in New Jersey, which I used to have in the summers in high school: You just, like, smoke pot. You're in a suburban town and you just drive around and go see movies. It's a very relaxed, almost retired life. But when you're that age and you don't feel like you've done anything creative, or anything to feed your soul, it feels hard. Since you're shooting

Q&A

What has it been like to be back on the "Arrested Development" set?

► We're shooting till mid-November. It's been f—ing awesome. We keep looking at each other going, "This is so weird!" I was a teenager when I was on the show, so me and Micheal [Cera] in particular are like, "This is so weird." I feel like a teenager in

"Arrested Development" after six years away, has the dynamic changed?

I think so. It's such a unique experience. In what world do you get to work with the people you worked with six years ago? It's been really great. We're all so excited. The writing is better than ever, so everyone has a really good attitude.

Do you have a sense of how

a weird way, but I'm not rushing back to the school room in between takes. I'm actually getting to hang out with everyone. But my same insecurities of a teenager have started to come back — like being kind of awkward and not knowing how to talk to the adults. I was like, "I've done a lot of s— these last six years. I know who I am, kind of." I should be able to be comfortable, but it's getting better. ... It's some of the most fun I've ever had.

the series is building up to a movie?

I think we're taking it one step at a time. We're shooting these [episodes] and then seeing how it does. There's no real plan. We'll see how well these do and then hopefully we'll make more.

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'Taken 2' steals crown at box office

Box office

Kidnapping thriller "Taken 2" easily won the box-office race with \$50 million in ticket sales at U.S. and Canadian theaters over the weekend, studio estimates released on Sunday showed.

The sequel, starring Liam Neeson as a former CIA agent who gets captured in Istanbul, pushed last weekend's winner, family flick "Hotel Transylvania," to second place. The movie about a hotel run by Dracula earned \$26.3 million. "Pitch Perfect," a comedy about a girls' singing group, landed in third place, with

\$14.7 million. The movie expanded nationwide after an impressive opening a week ago in a small number of theaters.

"Taken 2" was released by 20th Century Fox, a unit of News Corp. Sony Corp's movie studio distributed "Hotel Transylvania." "Pitch Perfect" was distributed by Universal Pictures, a unit of Comcast Corp.

Top 5

1. "Taken 2": \$50 million
2. "Hotel Transylvania": \$26.3 million
3. "Pitch Perfect": \$14.7 million
4. "Looper": \$12.2 million
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An 'Enemy' that's easily taken on

► Old play with modern relevance questions the sanctity of majority rule in light of unpopular truths

If you've never quite seen the appeal of Henrik Ibsen, that shouldn't keep you from trying "An Enemy of the People," his 1882 drama that's made more palatable to modern audiences by Rebecca Lenkiewicz and now onstage at MTC's Samuel J. Friedman Theatre. The story follows a Norwegian scientist who discovers that the town's baths, its main source of income, are poisonous. In his quest to

spread the word, he runs up against political powers with counterintuitive interests — and truth-telling becomes a task that threatens not only his reputation, but his family and friends as well.

Although it would have been easily stunt-casted, this production doesn't hedge on a star-studded roster. The actors are all onstage to do a job — to deliver a message — and they get it done with seamless uniformity. And don't expect

showy special effects that might detract from that agenda, either. Smoothly rotating set pieces offer a handful of minimalist tableaux for the home, offices and meeting-house where this play takes place. The only downside is an insensible sheer curtain that wafts across the stage between scenes as if someone thought it a convenient chance to air-dry his bedsheets. At one point, the cast directly addresses the audience as if its



► Boyd Gaines, left, and Richard Thomas star in "An Enemy of the People."

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up and pay attention? It's unnecessary, as a majority of the two-hour runtime is spent hollering an already heavy-handed script.

Yes, this play literally bellows out bias toward its underdogs; it's like we aren't trusted to form our own thoughts. Isn't that precisely what the text is asking us to do? But that doesn't mean it's not an enjoyable evening of theater,

mostly for its rousing message and exciting family conflict that pits wife against husband, brother against brother. Regardless of who's right or wrong in the end, the lingering message about the fear-someness of mob mentality will make you think twice the next time a controversial idea has the masses clutching their pearls — or their pitchforks.

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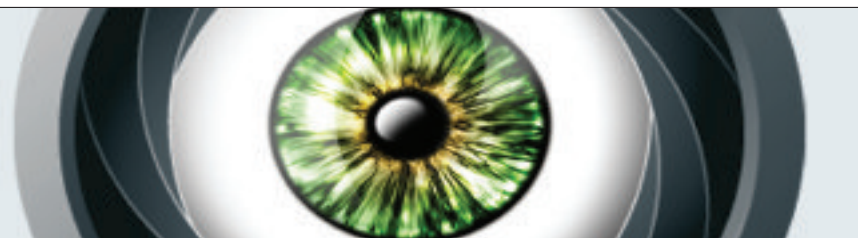


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Yoga poses of the week

Heartbreak yoga

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1 Pick yourself up: Warrior II

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strong in your body, calm in your mind and back to your great self again. Warrior II is just the pose for you right now! Stay strong in this pose for 20 long, deep breaths, and you will feel a refreshed strength that can get you through much more than a breakup.

2 Clear your head: Seated easy forward bend

This is great for releasing tension

in the upper back and hamstrings — and letting go of all the stuff from the breakup. Stay here for 10 long deep breaths, roll up gently and let it go.

3 Regain your confidence: Wheel

Time to open up to new possibilities because you're worth it. Don't push or force into the wheel (or anything in your life).

Press up gently and breathe fully for five long, deep breaths. Lower down gently, too. Go easy.

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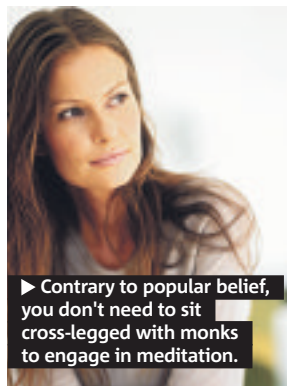


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My friend Michael Eisen, the author of "Empowered YOUTH," recently said: "Feed your soul — it's starving." This stark statement woke me up to the reality that so many of us are extremely disconnected from our souls.

I believe our soul is the truthful place within us that is all-knowing, loving and fully faithful. Through my spiritual practice I have learned how to tap into the inner voice of my soul and let it be my guide. When I'm led by my soul voice I am faithful, kind and patient. But when I'm disconnected from my soul voice I am fearful, mistrusting and controlling. It's much more fun to lead from my soul — which sounds



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obvious, but of course it's not always simple! However, I've committed to keep the connection alive through a daily practice of feeding my soul.

If you feel disconnected from your soul voice, now is the time to reconnect. Here are my three must-do ways to feed it.

Practice nonjudgment

When we judge ourselves or others, we immediately discon-

Engage in silent contemplation

The key exercise for feeding your soul is to have a dedicated practice of silent contemplation. It is in stillness that we can access the voice of our truth. When we're running around trying to make things happen, trying to control outcomes or manipulate our life, we block that voice from coming through. But when we sit in stillness we awaken the connection. I suggest you begin a daily meditation practice. Sit in stillness and silently say, "I welcome the voice of my soul to come forward." Then sit for five minutes and listen. If you feel you need additional guidance, visit my website for my free guided meditations.

nect from that loving presence within. Judgment is a sure sign we're leading from our head and not from our heart. One day this week, practice non-judgment toward everyone, including yourself. This practice will help you feel more connected to love and clear more space for your soul to come forward.

Be honest with yourself and the world

Remember that your soul is your truth. The best way to access it isn't difficult or tricky: Just be truthful. Start to get honest about how you feel, what you need and what you want. Be unapologetic about your truth. Speak it loud and clear, and trust that all the world wants from you is your authenticity. Your truth will set you free and connect you to the world.

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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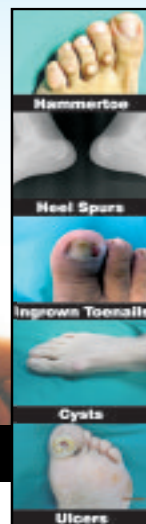
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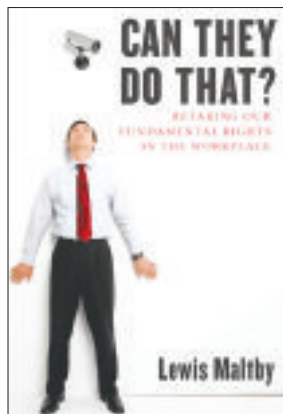


► According to employment rights expert Lewis Maltby, it's rough out there for workers ► What you can get fired for ► And when you should report your employer

Lewis Maltby is the former director of employment rights for the ACLU, and founded the legal advocacy nonprofit National Workrights Institute in 2009. Recently, he authored "Can They Do That? Retaking Our Fundamental Rights in the Workplace." We caught up with him to ask: Well, what exactly can they do?

What is the legal definition of "employment at will"?

Your boss can fire you for any reason under the sun, no matter how unfair or irrational. He could do it because he doesn't like the color of your tie.



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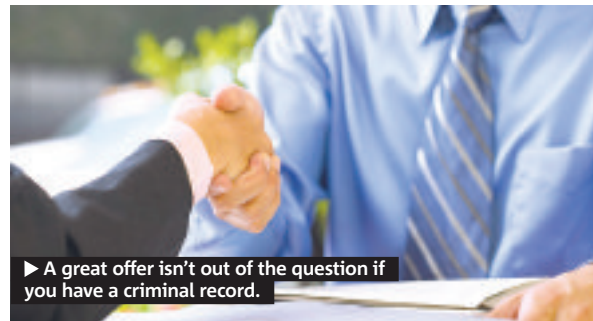
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On the record: Job searching for those with criminal pasts

Searching for a job is hard for everyone. But if you have a criminal record to tack onto your résumé, that application just got a lot tougher. However, a record isn't a deal-breaker: A new study by CareerBuilder.com found that 51 percent of human resource managers claim to have hired ex-offenders.

How do you find a new job today despite past run-ins with the law? For starters, be upfront about your convictions. "Those with previous criminal records in pursuit of employment should take the initiative," explains Bruce Clarke, president and CEO of human resource management firm CAI. "Be the first to inform your potential employer about your criminal record. The last thing you want is for an employer to



► A great offer isn't out of the question if you have a criminal record.

find out from another source." Being in a city puts you at an advantage, according to Glenn Martin, the vice president of development and public affairs at the Fortune Society, a nonprofit that supports former prisoners when re-entering society. "Employers located in cities that are ethnically diverse often have

fairer hiring policies," says Martin, who recommends seeking out companies that advertise as "equal opportunity employers." Ultimately, this is just like any other job search: You must focus on how to discuss and frame your past. "The No. 1 recommendation hiring managers have is to own your past and fo-

cus on what you learned from it to grow professionally and personally," says Rosemary Haefner of CareerBuilder. "You also want to stay active. Taking classes, volunteering and tapping into social networks can be good ways to help overcome obstacles."

● JULIA WEST

Top 5 tips

Hiring managers polled by CareerBuilder had plenty of suggestions for job seekers with criminal records. Here were the most popular responses:

- Be up front and honest about the conviction: 68 percent
- Be willing to work your way up: 48 percent
- Stay positive: 46 percent
- Seek out training while you're in prison: 39 percent
- Don't apply to jobs where your record automatically disqualifies you: 31 percent

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Romney's debate was lies, all lies!

RE: "OBAMA SHIFTS TACTICS AFTER ROMNEY'S LIVELY DEBATING" (METRO, OCT. 5-7) Your Friday headline "Romney's lively debating" would have been more apt had it characterized the charade as "Romney's lying debating."

Including his glaringly posterous claims that he is not proposing a \$5 trillion tax cut and that he would not lower taxes for the very wealthy (never mind the fact that all year long he has called for "20 percent tax cuts across the board"), the Republican candidate told at least 27 major lies in the course of his 38 minutes of speaking time, and there were some minor lies tucked in as well.

In fact, during the course of his remarks, the only

words that rang true were found in his tastelessly gleeful cruel indication that he would be quick to axe Jim Lehrer, as his words served to illustrate the delight he alluded to months back when he noted that he loves to fire people.

KEVIN KOERPER, VIA E-MAIL

We watched Mitt Romney behave and speak like he never has before. Suddenly he won't cut taxes for the wealthy when we have such deficits, and he will lower taxes for the middle class, even though he campaigned all year long that the way to stimulate the economy was to cut taxes for all, including corporations. Mitt speaks of the "freedoms of capitalism" while attacking an alleged 47 percent of Americans, many of whom

worked hard and contributed to Social Security and Medicare and don't consider it a "gifted" entitlement. This is also the same man who was for abortion rights prior to opposing, and passed universal health care in his state. The classic flip-flop. So the question remains: Should we believe this man? Can we trust him?

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

Give a little credit where credit's due

RE: "BRANSON INSPIRES NEED FOR BETTER SHARING OF IDEAS" (METRO, OCT. 5-7) Letter writer Ray Collins stated that Sir Richard Branson was hypocritical for talking about dirty fuels on one hand while making money from industries that contribute to

our environmental woes on the other. I seem to recall reading in the same Metro, the gentleman admitting to his part in the environmental mess and saying that he is also doing his utmost to counter the effects by investing in clean up/green/energy initiatives. Until you stop riding in cars, buses, planes and trains, I say don't bash the man.

EKENG MANCZUK, VIA E-MAIL

Get these 'Fly by Night' artists out of the 'Limelight'!

RE: "ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME NOMINEES ANNOUNCED" (METRO, OCT. 5-7) Let me get this straight: Public Enemy and N.W.A. are nominees for induction to the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame, yet rock bands (like Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Yes, Deep Purple and Rush) with musicians — actual musicians — are not yet enshrined? Who is the expert on music theory who made this decision?

ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

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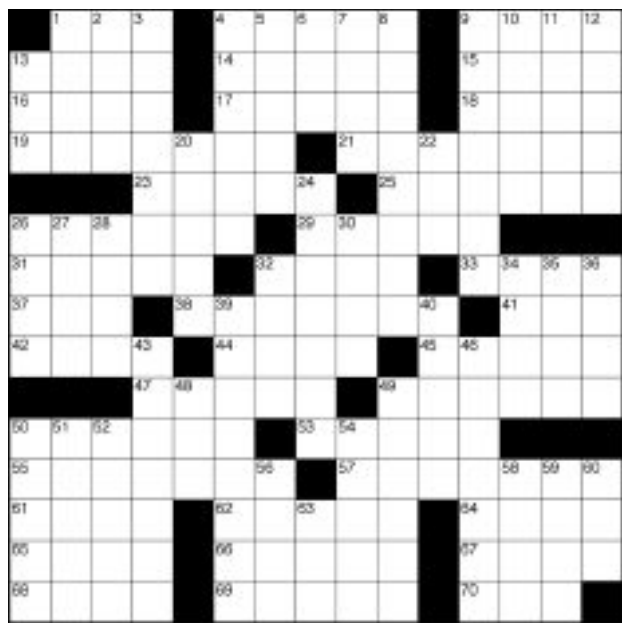
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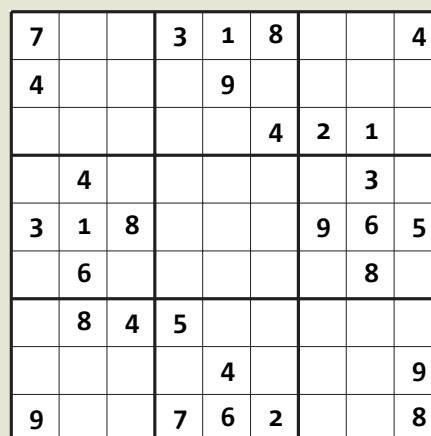
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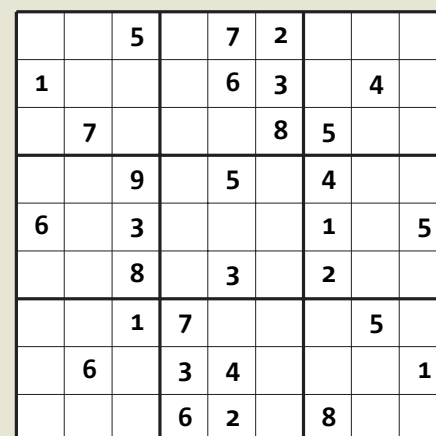
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In the news

**Tigers up, 2-0**

The Cinderella A's might be going home very quickly this post-season.

Justin Verlander pitched Detroit to an easy Game 1 win, but it was a performance by Al Albuquerque that gave the Tigers the 2-0 series lead.

Albuquerque earned the win, sealing a comebacker to the mound with a kiss before tossing it to first. Don Kelly then walked it off on a sac fly next inning, to give the Tigers a 5-4 win.

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GIANTS (3-2)

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BROWNS (0-5)

What went right ...

1 Do the Randle — With Hakeem Nicks out again, and Ramses Barden, joining him, the Giants needed a new receiver to step up. In stepped rookie Rueben Randle to provide six catches for 82 yards.

2 Stevie wonder — Stevie Brown is about as anonymous as they come on the Giants defense, but he made two of the biggest plays in the second-quarter turnaround — an interception of Brandon Weeden and then a fumble recovery on the following kick return.

3 Good vibrations — David Wilson finally got a chance to show what he can do late in the game and it definitely made an impact. His 40-yard touchdown run was about as explosive a play as you'll see all week.

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▶ Victor Cruz had three touchdowns and 50 yards on five catches in the Giants' win yesterday.

SLOW DANCING

► Giants get blitzed out of starting gate by Browns ► Coughlin echoes his comments throughout week ► Offense comes through after first quarter

The Giants almost made head coach Tom Coughlin's words prove to be prophetic by coming out flat against the hapless Browns, before dispatching the winless team in a 41-27 win.

Coughlin, who preached all week that the Browns were no ordinary winless team, could be seen cringing on the sidelines as New York fell behind by two scores in the first five minutes due to miscues.

Coughlin basically said, "I

told you so" during his post-game press conference.

"It was disappointing to start the way we did, obviously, with the fumble," Coughlin said. "But that was not an easy win. We knew coming in that would be a tough football game."

The Browns had the look of an upset-maker but quickly came back down to earth, as the Giants methodically chipped away, on the strength of a 20-point second quarter.

"Yeah, it's almost like we like the fans to boo first, before we get going," said Chase Blackburn, who was beat deep down field on the Browns' second touchdown in the first five minutes. "It kind of gets us motivated. ... We don't want to do that too often; we don't want to start in a 14-point hole very often."

A quick three-and-out for the Browns on their final possession of the first half — and a costly pass interference

penalty against them on the Giants' final drive — allowed Lawrence Tynes to boot a 40-yard field goal as time expired, giving the Giants an improbable 27-17 halftime lead.

"We obviously have some things we need to shore up, particularly defensively," said Coughlin. "But we always talk about finishing. And that's what we did today: finished."

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Around the NFL

► Griffin III

There were some strange happenings in the NFL yesterday, but not in New England, where the Pats got the better of Peyton Manning.

- Patriots 31, Broncos 21
A new uniform netted the same results, as Manning lost to Tom Brady. But it was Stevan Ridley's 151 rushing yards that carried them.
- Falcons 24, Redskins 17
Robert Griffin III was knocked out (literally) early and Matt Ryan improved to 5-0 on the season.
- Colts 30, Packers 27
The Colts shocked the Pack as they won one for their head coach, Chuck Pagano, who is currently battling leukemia.
- Steelers 16, Eagles 14
Michael Vick had two more turnovers as the Steelers won on a late field goal.

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Gastineau to be honored by Jets tonight

Former Jets defensive end Mark Gastineau has traded his sack dance for the rhythmic clapping and swaying of his church choir.

Tonight, Gastineau, a five-time Pro Bowl selection and a three-time member of the All-Pro team, will be inducted into the Jets' Ring of Honor along with wide receiver Wesley Walker.

But Gastineau is far from the flamboyant, eye-catching terror who scared NFL quarterbacks during his 10-year NFL career beginning in 1979. Now, he's a quiet family man who is enjoying retirement, flies a remote-control airplane in his backyard and sings in the choir at Times Square Church. He's a born-again Christian who has sworn off his old lifestyle.



► Gastineau

"As far as the honor, it's incredible," Gastineau said in a call with the New York media. "I was taken back and I just give the Lord all the glory because my life has changed and the Ring of Honor is just one of the changes that I'm so happy about, so elated about."

Gastineau dated model Brigitte Nielsen in the 1980s and spent 11 months in Rikers Island in 2000. Far from the New York City nightlife he once found so enthralling, Gastineau is now low-key, content and sober after a battle with drug addiction. ● METRO/KD



Antonio Cromartie

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1 Will Cromartie step up against Johnson?

With Darrelle Revis gone, Antonio Cromartie will be asked to step up again this week.

He will have to do that against Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson, who has 33 catches for 492 yards and two touchdowns and is closing in on 10,000 receiving yards in his career.

"He's a big, physical receiver that can get in and out of his breaks," Cromartie said. "He knows how to use his body very well. The biggest thing for me is just going in and playing my game."

Cromartie has been watching film from 2009 when Revis limited Johnson to four catches for 35 yards.

2 Can the Jets stop Foster and Tate?

Not much went right last Sunday, least of which was a run defense that allowed the 49ers 16 rushing first downs and a total of 245 yards on the ground.

The Jets have the league's second-worst run defense, allowing 4.9 yards per carry and 172.8 yards per game. In other words,

Arian Foster and Ben Tate must be licking their lips in the Texans backfield.

"We have to get back to what we do. We have to defend the run. Sometimes, we have to do it in a lighter box," defensive coordinator Mike Pettine said. "That's been the challenge laid out to the guys."

3 What kind of performance can Sanchez provide?

The offense has been so bad it is averaging just 10 points per game over the last three games, and quarterback Mark Sanchez is largely to blame.

He's made poor decisions, and is still forcing the ball to his first read. In other words, he's the same guy under center for the 8-8

Jets last year.

"There are no do-overs. You're out there and the game is happening fast. The ball is in his hands every single play," offensive coordinator Tony Sparano said.

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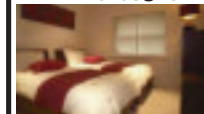
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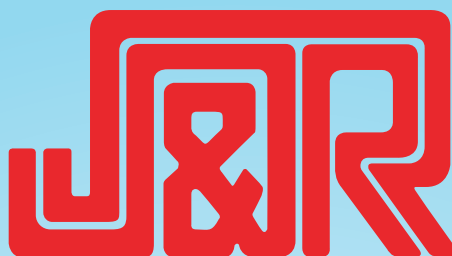
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